

Claims

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A package comprising at least one absorbent article, and packaging including:

a flexible pocket having a hollow interior sized and shaped for receiving said absorbent article;

5 an opening extending into the hollow interior of the pocket sized and shaped for permitting said article to be withdrawn from the hollow interior of the pocket;

a flap attached to the pocket adapted for covering the opening to retain said absorbent article in the hollow  
10 interior of the pocket, said flap being selectably moveable between an open position in which the opening is generally unobstructed by said flap to permit said article to be withdrawn through the opening and a closed position in which the flap covers the opening and an exterior area of the pocket  
15 to retain said article in the pocket and to prevent said article from passing through the opening; and

an adhesive closure positioned on said flap for releasably holding said flap in the closed position, wherein the closure is spaced from a distal edge of the flap to permit  
20 a portion of the flap to be grasped and separated from the pocket without releasing the closure.

2. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein the closure is positioned at least about 4 millimeters from the distal edge of the flap.

3. A package as set forth in claim 2 wherein the closure is positioned about 16 millimeters from the distal edge of the flap.

4. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein said distal edge is substantially straight and said adhesive closure includes an elongate strip of adhesive material extending

substantially parallel to the distal edge of the packaging  
5 flap.

5. A package as set forth in claim 4 wherein the elongate strip of adhesive material has a width of less than about 20 millimeters.

6. A package as set forth in claim 5 wherein the strip of adhesive material has a width of more than about 2 millimeters.

7. A package as set forth in claim 5 wherein the strip of adhesive material has a width of about 7 millimeters.

8. A package as set forth in claim 4 wherein the strip of adhesive material is substantially continuous and uninterrupted along its entire length.

9. A package as set forth in claim 4 wherein the flap is substantially rectangular.

10. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein the adhesive closure extends substantially an entire width of the flap.

11. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein the adhesive closure is a two sided tape.

12. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein the adhesive closure is a hot melt adhesive.

13. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein the flap has an inner face and an outer face, and the adhesive closure is positioned on said inner face of the flap for releasably holding said flap in the closed position.

14. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein the hollow interior of the pocket is sized and shaped for receiving a plurality of absorbent articles including said article.

15. A package as set forth in claim 14 wherein the plurality of absorbent articles are arranged in a stack.

16. A package as set forth in claim 1 wherein the absorbent article comprises a feminine care product.

17. A package as set forth in claim 16 wherein the feminine care product comprises a panty liner.

18. A package as set forth in claim 16 wherein the feminine care product comprises an interlabial pad.

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